

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** IMG\_6294.JPG

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1900203.048

**Medium:** Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

**Classification:** Objectionable.

**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 01 August 2019

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** 01 August 2019

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The publication contains an image of a naked young boy running outdoors. The image file is a photo taken of a computer screen that depicts a central image of a naked young boy running outdoors, alongside sexual advertising on a pornographic website. The combined effect strongly sexualises the boy. The image is deemed to be objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The image invites a sexual gaze and is likely to be titillating to those with a sexual interest in children by presenting them as appropriate subjects for adult sexual fantasy and desire. The objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention to limit the availability of publications that tend to promote or support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes, and also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from such exploitation.